

**Application No. 08/941,174**  
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**REMARKS.**

Claims 5, 9, 10, 12, 18, and 24 have been amended and claims 8, 11, 17, 19, 20, 21-23, have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 13-16 previously have been canceled. Claims 5, 9, 10, 12, 18 and 24 are pending; favorable consideration is requested.

Receipt of the Examiner's Interview Summaries mailed May 4, 2007 and July 25, 2007 is acknowledged.

In the Interview Summary mailed July 25, 2007 both boxes f) and g) were checked. However, it is clear from the Examiner's summary of the substance of the interview that agreement with respect to the claims was, in fact, reached. Claim 24 as now presented corresponds to amendment of claim 24 informally proposed by Applicant on May 23, 2007 and should be allowable, as indicated in the July 25, 2007 Interview Summary. Independent claims 8 and 20 have been canceled solely for the purpose of avoiding further delay in prosecution of the application to allowance. The cancellation is without prejudice and is not intended to admit or imply those claims are rendered unpatentable by the prior art. Applicant continues to maintain claims 8 and 20 are patentable for at least the reasons set forth in the Appeal Brief mailed December 28, 2006.

The Interview Summary mailed July 25, 2007 indicates that no prior art was discussed. However, additional prior art documents identified by the Examiner are listed below but there was no substantive discussion of those documents. It is respectfully requested the additional prior art documents formally be made of record in this application.

Document	Issue/Publication Date	First Named Inventor
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US 5812132	09/22/1998	Goldstein, David S.
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If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite resolution. Otherwise, it is believed the application is in condition for allowance and prompt notification to that effect will be appreciated.

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